# APPENDIX C AGENCY COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

Interested Agencies Letter and Distribution List Tribal Consultation Letter and Distribution List

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Quartzsite Solar Energy, LLC (QSE), a subsidiary of SolarReserve, LLC proposes to construct a 100 megawatt (MW) solar-powered generating station in La Paz County, Arizona. Western Area Power Administration (Western), as lead federal agency, is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to identify potential impacts of the project. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will serve as a cooperating agency during preparation of the EIS.

You have been included on the general project mailing list to receive newsletters and public meeting announcements. The first project newsletter, announcing public scoping meetings to be held in late January, has been enclosed for your information. In addition, please contact us if you would like to meet directly with project representatives to learn more about the project or the EIS process. Briefing or meeting requests can be coordinated through URS by contacting Lyndy Long at 602-648-2341, or <a href="mailto:lyndy-long@urscorp.com">lyndy-long@urscorp.com</a>.

Written scoping comments are encouraged and should be postmarked by February 15, 2010. Scoping comments can be submitted to the address below.

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Or mail to: Ms. Mary Barger, NEPA Document Manager

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Charles F. Wood, Chairman Chemehuevi Indian Tribe P.O. Box 1976 Havasu Lake, CA 92363

SUBJECT: Quartzsite Solar Energy, LLC Proposed 100 megawatt (MW) Solar Facility La Paz County, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Western Area Power Administration (Western), a power-marketing agency of the Department of Energy, has received a request from Quartzsite Solar Energy to construct a 100 megawatt (MW) concentrating solar power (CSP) facility within La Paz County, Arizona and interconnect with Western's existing transmission system in the State of Arizona. The proposed project and all associated facilities will be located on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office (BLM); therefore, they will be a cooperating agency for the purposes of fulfilling requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this proposed project, provide notice that Western and BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed project, initiate Government-to-Government consultation, and invite your participation in the NEPA environmental review and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation process. Western and BLM would also like to propose a Tribal consultation meeting and site visit for September 22, 2009 starting at 10:00 am at the Quartzsite Senior Center located at 40 Moon Mountain Road in Quartzsite, Arizona. A project description and updates will be provided during which time Western and BLM would like to receive your input, comments, and insight concerning the proposed project.

The information presented in this letter includes a brief project description and map. Since the proposed project is in the early planning stages, additional information will continue to be provided to you and your designated Tribal departments or staff as it becomes available.

The proposed project would be a nominal 100 MW (net output) concentrating solar facility, located approximately 6 miles north of Quartzsite, Arizona. Quartzsite Solar Energy selected this area to locate the new energy facility in an area consisting of excellent solar resources and close proximity to Western's existing transmission system to minimize the length of new transmission lines. If the project receives all necessary approvals, it would be constructed and operated by Quartzsite Solar Energy, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SolarReserve, LLC.

Quartzsite Solar Energy has submitted an interconnection request to Western. Additionally, Quartzsite Solar Energy/SolarReserve has submitted a Right-of-Way Application with BLM. An interconnection with Western and BLM approval of the Right-of-Way would be considered a "major Federal action" under the regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Western and BLM have agreed that Western will be the "lead federal agency" and will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess potential impacts of the proposed action on the human environment.

The Project is comprised of the Project Site, which consists of a large field of mirrors, or heliostat field, a central tower and power generating equipment; access road(s); groundwater source; and new transmission facilities to interconnect to Western's existing transmission system, each of which is further described below. The heliostat field, which reflect energy from the sun onto a central receiver or collection tower, will be approximately 8,600 feet in diameter. The following associated utilities will be required to deliver water and interconnect the transmission system to the site:

- Water well(s) and associated water delivery pipeline(s).
- Approximately 2 miles of 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, and a new 230-kV substationlswitchyard to interconnect the project to Western's existing transmission system.

The length of the linear utilities required to deliver water and interconnect the transmission system will depend on the final location of the site selected for the proposed energy facility. In addition to a water welles), pumping system(s), and delivery line and plant road access, infrastructure includes one 650 foot-tall concrete tower. The heliostat field will include up to 17.500 mirrors.

Cultural resource work for this project has not been initiated. Western would like to have your input, and if you desire, participation during the cultural resource work. Please feel free to contact any of the contacts listed below concerning the proposed consultation and cultural resource schedule.

We understand that the lands affected by this project may be part of the traditional homelands of various tribes and may contain places and resources that have special cultural or historical significance to members of various tribal communities. Because of these traditional cultural properties (TCPs), Western would like the tribal government to become participants in the study process.

For questions related to the project please contact **Western** staff, Mary Barger at 602-605-2524; <a href="mailto:barger@wapa.gov">barger@wapa.gov</a> or Steve Tromly, 720-962-7256; <a href="mailto:tromly@wapa.gov">tromly@wapa.gov</a> or BLM staff, Craig Johnson at 928-718-3731; <a href="mailto:craigjjohnson@blm.gov">craigjjohnson@blm.gov</a>. This letter will be followed by a telephone call to consulted tribes to confirm the consultation meeting concerning this proposed project.

You may address any comments, regarding the project to either of the individuals below.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Sincerely,

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FILE: 5440.04 Solar Reserve Quartzsite Project





